

REPORTS

OF THE

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FOR

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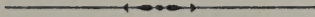
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OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTON, 1876.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD COBURN, GEORGE W. DUNN,
 OLIVER R. ROBBINS.

ASSESSORS.

ALONZO S. FISKE, EDWIN HOBBS,
 ABIJAH COBURN.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

JOHN SMITHWICK, 3 yrs. GEORGE W. DUNN, 2 yrs.
 CHARLES W. SIBLEY, 1 yr.

TRUSTEES OF MERRIAM FUND.

EDWIN HOBBS, ISAAC COBURN,
 GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE W. CUTTING, JR.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

HORACE HEWS.

AUDITOR,

EDWARD COBURN.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

REV. AMOS HARRIS, OLIVER R. ROBBINS.
 JOHN COBURN.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON.

LIBRARY TREASURER,
HORACE HEWS.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

HORACE HEWS, 3 yrs. ISAAC COBURN, 2 yrs.
EDWIN HOBBS, 1 yr.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

BENJ. F. CUTTER, 3 yrs. GEO. W. DUNN, 2 yrs.
ALONZO S. FISKE, 1 yr.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

District No. 1. GEORGE W. CUTTING,
" " 2. EDWARD E. BROWN,
" " 3. GEORGE W. DUNN,
" " 4. ALONZO S. FISKE,
" " 5. BENJ. F. CUTTER,
" " 6. HORACE LEADBETTER.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL SMITH, ELI E. BEMIS.

FENCE VIEWERS.

LUTHER HARRINGTON, T. C. RICHARDSON,
HENRY L. BROWN.

FIELD DRIVERS.

HERMAN TRAIN, DAN'L GARFIELD,
FRANK W. BIGELOW.

CONSTABLES.

ALONZO S. FISKE, OLIVER N. KENNEY,
SAMUEL H. WARREN.

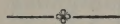
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

OLIVER N. KENNEY.

POUND KEEPER.

THEODORE JONES.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.



The following statistics of births, marriages and deaths, are for the year 1875, beginning January 1st, ending December 31st.

BIRTHS.

Whole number recorded,	23
Males,	12
Females,	11
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Of American parentage,	13
“ foreign	“	.	.	.	8
“ American and foreign parentage,	2				
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In but one case were both parents natives of the town, and in five other cases one parent.

The nativity of the parents was—

Of the State,	19
“ other States,	9
“ Ireland,	12
“ British Provinces,	4
“ England,	2
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As many parents do not understand the obligation to report all births in their families, the text of the law is appended :

Gen. Statutes, chap. 21, sect. 2. “ Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births or deaths of their children ; every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house. * * * Whoever neglects to

give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death, shall forfeit five dollars."

INTENTIONS OF MARRIAGE.

No. of certificates issued, . . .	7
Both parties resident, . . .	5
One party " . . .	2
	— 7

MARRIAGES.

Whole number recorded, . . .	11
Both parties resident, . . .	6
One party " . . .	2
Neither party " . . .	3
	— 11
First marriage of . . .	18
Second " " . . .	4
	— 22
Native of Town, . . .	6
" " State, . . .	11
" " U. S. . . .	4
" " Nova Scotia, . . .	1
	— 22

DEATHS.

Whole number recorded, . . .	21
Males, . . .	10
Females, . . .	11
	— 21

AGES.

Under 5, 4; 5 to 40, 1; 40 to 50, 1; 50 to 60, 1; 60 to 70, 5; 70 to 80, 5; 80 to 90, 1; 90 to 100, 2; over 100, 1. Total 21. Youngest, 2 hours. Oldest, 100 years 6 months and 22 days.

Amount paid into County Treasury on account of 109 dog licenses, \$220.20.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CUTTING, JR., *Town Clerk.*

REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN OF WESTON.

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THE Selectmen of the Town of Weston for the year ending March 1st, 1876, make the following report of their estimate of expenditures for the ensuing year:

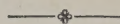
For Schools,	\$3,300
“ School incidentals,	600
“ Support of poor,	800
“ Cemeteries,	500
“ Interest,	1,700
“ Salary of Town Officers, . . .	800
“ Discount and abatements, . .	700
“ Incidentals,	1,000
“ Contingencies,	800
“ Highways,	2,800
“ Sinking fund,	1,000
Total, , . . .	<u>\$14,000</u>

EDWARD COBURN,	}	<i>Selectmen of Weston.</i>
GEORGE W. DUNN,		
OLIVER R. ROBBINS,		

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.



THE Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Weston submit to the town the following report of the Receipts and Expenditures of the Pauper Establishment for the year ending March 6th, 1876 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash received from sale of potatoes,	.	.	.	\$179	20
“ “ “ wood,	.	.	.	114	00
“ “ “ cows,	.	.	.	108	67
“ “ “ calves,	.	.	.	29	00
“ “ “ milk,	.	.	.	1,136	78
“ “ “ pickles,	.	.	.	408	32
“ “ Cooper Garfield—pension,	.	.	.	96	00
“ “ “ “ cash on hand,	.	.	.	19	50
“ “ William Patch,	“	“	.	97	75
“ “ Treasury,	.	.	.	428	14
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					\$2,617 36

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid Otis Penniman, Superintendent,	.	.	.	\$350	00
“ labor,	.	.	.	264	00
“ flour and groceries,	.	.	.	381	36
“ meat,	.	.	.	281	88
“ fish,	.	.	.	33	25
“ grain,	.	.	.	202	78
“ brewer's grains,	.	.	.	196	05
“ cows,	.	.	.	130	00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>					\$1,839.32

	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	<i>\$1,839 32</i>
Cash paid horse,		150 00
" manure,		28 00
" Dr. Chapin, medical attendance,		36 25
" pasturing cows,		26 00
" coal,		45 13
" clothing and dry goods,		52 44
" hay,		7 00
" shotes,		21 00
" blacksmith and wheelwright,		25 91
" repairs,		12 20
" grass and pickle seed,		8 13
" vinegar,		6 12
" various items,		14 90
" Cooper Garfield, funeral expenses,		22 00
" " " head-stones,		14 00
" William Patch, funeral expenses,		26 00
" John Stimpson, interest on estate,		10 00
" Town of Waltham, assistance rendered Thomas Corbitt and family,		223 68
" City of Lawrence, on account of Joseph Fabens,		4 28
" Overseers, for services,		45 00
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		\$2,617 36

The number of travellers or vagrants lodged and fed during the past year, has been two hundred and thirty-eight.

There is due the establishment two hundred dollars for milk.

Since our last annual report, two of the inmates have died: On the 31st of December, Cooper Garfield, aged 100 years, 6 months and 22 days, having been an inmate for thirty-five years; and on the 23d of February, William Patch, aged 57 years, 9 months, 27 days, also an inmate for twenty-five years. There are now only three persons remaining at the Almshouse, viz.: John Stimpson, Thomas Farwell and Frank B. Nelson. Owing, however, to the change in our settlement law, a large number of our people, who were heretofore cared for by the State, are now thrown upon individual towns for support. Thomas Corbitt, and six children between the ages of twelve years and twenty months,

have been dependent mostly on this town for their support during the past year, and we, your Overseers, have tried to secure homes for some of the children, where they would be better cared for, and at the same time be at no expense to the town; but we find that, under this trying panic, children are not much sought after for adoption. We do therefore recommend that, this spring, if possible, homes be found for part of the children, and the others, with their father, taken to our Almshouse.

Respectfully submitted by

EDWARD COBURN, } *Overseers*
 GEORGE W. DUNN, } *of*
 BENJ. F. CUTTER, } *the Poor.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

March 13, 1876.

Town Grants for the year 1875.

Schools,	\$3300.00
Support of Poor,	600.00
School Incidentals,	600.00
Town Incidentals,	800.00
Interest on Debt,	1800.00
Salaries of Town Officers,	800.00
Discount and Abatements,	700.00
Contingencies,	1000.00
School House Site,	500.00
Cemeteries,	1000.00
Town Debt,	1000.00
Painting Town-House,	300.00
Lincoln Road,	200.00
Town Clock,	500.00
Highways,	2800.00
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	\$15,900.00

Statement of Expenses.

Bill due Fitz A. Robinson prior to 1875, for 2 days' labor at No. 3 School-House,	\$6.00
Fitz A. Robinson, at No. 4 School-House,	3.00
" " " Articles furnished, . . . . .	.96
" " " 7½ hours at No. 2,	2.25
" " " Articles furnished, . . . . .	.33
Theodore Jones, return of deaths,	2.40
" " repairs on Town-House,	3.50
C. H. Edson, Music Teacher,	86.00
Waltham Ice Co., for High School,	3.30
Samuel Patch, 4 days' labor, making tables and horses for Town Hall,	12.00
Paid for lumber and nails,	5.58
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	\$125.32

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriated,	\$800.00
Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor,	\$80.00
Edwin Hobbs, "	38.00
Abijah Coburn, "	38.00
Edward Coburn, Selectman,	40.00
George W. Dunn, "	25.00

Henry W. Day, setting glass & repairs, Dist. No. 5,	6.79
J. S. Hammett, books, High School,	23.52
Caleb Kingman, pump, Dist. No. 5,	27.50
G. W. Dunn, coal,	9.00
" " 1 cord sawed & split wood, Dist. No. 1,	8.50
Stickney & Son, stove for Dist. No. 2,	15.00
A. G. Whitcomb, 3 doz. glass inkstands,	1.80
" " 6 chairs,	6.75
" " 2 swing-back settees,	13.40
G. W. Dunn, grading around school-house No. 1,	21.60
Henry W. Day, setting glass and repairs in Dist. No. 1 and 2,	2.25
G. W. Dunn, repairs on school-house, No. 5,	13.06
" " " " No. 4,	4.55
" " " " No. 3,	5.00
" " " " No. 2,	2.15
" " " bell for No. 2,	1.25
" " 1 cord wood, Dist. No. 1,	8.00
" " $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " No. 2,	4.00
A. S. Fiske, 4 cords oak wood, sawed and split, in Dist. No. 4,	34.00
G. W. Cutting & Son, books and various items for schools,	56.41
School Committee, care school-rooms, winter term,	42.00
William Knapp, funnel for stove in Dist. No. 1,	13.70
H. D. Bowen, repairs on stove, No. 1,	1.00
J. S. Gould, repairs on house, No. 1,	2.07

\$450.05

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriated, . . . \$2,800.00

GEORGE W. DUNN, *Road Commissioner.*

May.	158 hours, self, at 30,	\$47.40
	323 " son, " 20,	64.60
	517 " men, " $17\frac{1}{2}$,	90.47
	414 $\frac{1}{2}$ " horses, " "	72.53
June.	65 " self, " 30,	19.50
	65 " son, " 20,	13.00
	216 $\frac{1}{2}$ " men, " $17\frac{1}{2}$,	37.89
	147 $\frac{1}{2}$ " horses, " "	25.82
	43 " self, " 30,	12.90
	99 " son, " 20,	19.80
	153 $\frac{1}{2}$ " men, " $17\frac{1}{2}$,	26.87
	149 $\frac{1}{2}$ " horses, " "	26.17
	Luther S. Upham, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	41.00
	Man and 2 horses, 15 days,	75.00
	Man, 10 days,	17.50
July.	G. W. Dunn, 44 hours,	13.20
	Son, 126 "	25.20
	Men, 236 "	41.30
	Horses, 166 "	29.05
	Charles Dunn, blasting stone,	10.00
	L. S. Upham, 100 hours,	20.00
	Man, 100 "	17.50

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ALONZO S. FISKE, *Road Commissioner.*

May.	A. S. Fiske,	20 days,	\$60.00
	Men,	169 "	295.75
	Team,	77 "	134.75
Oct.	A. S. Fiske,	7 "	.	.	.	.	21.00
	Men & team,	48 "	.	.	.	.	84.00
	Sharpening bars and picks,		.	.	.	.	5.12
							<hr/> \$600.62

BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, *Road Commissioner.*

Apr.	B. F. Cutter, 4 days,					\$12.00
	2 horses,	6	"			21.00
	Men,	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	"			34.13
	"	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	"			6.13
	B. F. Cutter, 7		"			21.00
	William Seaverns and team, 8 days,					28.00
	Frank Caswell and team,	6	"			22.50
	Men,	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	"			74.38
	Horse,	17	"			29.75
May.	Self,	14	"			42.00
	Men and team,	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	"			235.37
	Self,	10	"			30.00
	Men and team,	115 $\frac{1}{2}$	"			201.25
	D. Jacobs, for labor,					26.45
	I. Leadbetter, "					28.00
	Samuel F. Clark, "					26.78
	George Wyman, "					2.10
	Myrick Upham, "					3.50
	1 grub-hoe and 2 shovels,					5.00
	Sharpening picks and bars,					7.55
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						\$856.89
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						\$2,813.47

ROAD FROM GEORGE W. DUNN'S TO LINCOLN LINE.

Appropriated,	\$200.00	
George W. Dunn, 20 days' labor, and expense of powder, sharpening drills and bars,		\$100.00
Man to strike, 20 days,		40.00
Team, 16 "		28.00
Man, 16 "		28.00
" 2 "		4.00
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		\$200.00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriated,	\$1,000.00	
Joel Upham, gate irons,		\$4.47
C. R. McGill, 50 stone posts,		62.50
B. McCuster, blasting, $7\frac{1}{2}$ days,		17.50
Man and horse, 1 day,		4.00
2 men, horse and cart, 4 days,		23.00
4 lbs. powder,		1.40
Laying wall, $7\frac{1}{2}$ rods,		22.50
William Sherborne, self and team,		7.00
" " man " ploughing,		7.00
" " and oxen, one day,		5.00
Fitz A. Robinson, labor, South Cemetery,		5.25
" " building arch for tomb,		5.53
H. L. Hovey, 3 casks cement,		6.75
R. McGill, granite front for tomb,	150.00	
John H. Fisher, excavating for tomb,		17.00
" " removing stumps,		4.00
Joel Upham, sharpening drills,		3.14
J. H. Curtis, laying out lots and drives in Linwood Cemetery,		12.00
J. H. Curtis, design and superintending tomb,		33.00
Freight on tomb-door, . . . . .		.75
B. McCuster, building wall for tomb,		6.00
A. H. Hews & Co., 6,275 hard brick,		81.58
" " " 8 casks cement,		16.00
R. Hines, laying brick,		40.63
Chelmsford Foundry Co., tomb-door,		45.00
Charles F. Jones, $26\frac{1}{4}$ feet manure,		39.37
George H. Jones, use of drag and harrow,		3.00
Freeman Jennison, $82\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor,	124.00	
Marshall Hews, horse and cart, $22\frac{1}{2}$ days,		33.75
Moses Richards, labor, $8\frac{3}{4}$ days,		15.16
Phinney & Barry, 300 blank Cemetery deeds & book,		15.00
Henry W. Day, mowing Central and Old Burial-Ground,		7.10
John Deaval, mowing South Cemetery,		3.50
G. W. Dunn, gravel, Central Burial-Ground,		6.47
William Jones, plants, and care of same,		5.00
C. H. Bill & Son, hoe-knife and pick,		4.44
Timothy Baker, labor,		7.40
John White, "		5.00
G. W. Cutting & Son, powder, fuse, and grass-seed,		6.65
Theodore Jones, paint and labor on tomb-door,		1.50

F. Buttrick, lumber for arch for tomb, . . .	6.50
Freeman Jennison, cutting wood, . . .	25.49
Edwin Hobbs, making deeds, . . .	7.00
“ “ services as Trustee, . . .	12.00
Isaac Coburn, “ “ . . .	8.00
Horace Hews, as Trustee, and 62 days' labor, . .	155.00
“ “ sundry items, . . .	4.87

 \$1,077.35

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriated,	\$800.00
Henry W. Day, cleaning stove-funnel, . . .	.50
Fitz A. Robinson, 8 days 3½ hours' labor at Library, . .	25.05
Frank Buttrick, for lumber, . . .	18.73
Abijah Gregory, labor and stock, painting Library, . .	10.85
Library Committee, rebinding books, . . .	13.25
J. M. Hewes, printing Town Reports, . . .	73.50
Horace Hews, preparing and distributing same, . .	24.50
Library Committee, Dog-tax, . . .	196.65
G. W. Dunn, 3 shovels and 2 rakes, . . .	6.72
Horatio Hews, 8½ ft. wood, Town-Hall, . . .	6.62
G. W. Dunn, drawing stones for wall, west side of road near Linwood Cemetery, . . .	25.50
B. McCuster, building the same, . . .	68.94
Henry F. Warren, flowers for decoration, . . .	15.00
Williams Brothers, flags “ . . .	2.25
Daniel Smith, repairing Library steps, . . .	.35
E. R. Sibley, wood for Town-Hall, . . .	8.50
G. W. Dunn, drawing stones and setting same at town pump, near Mrs. Sparhawk's, 38 hours . . .	7.60
Grading around well, 10 hours' labor, . . .	2.00
Plank for platform, dippers, and painting pump, . .	1.37
Samuel Patch, repairing hay scales, . . .	2.37
“ “ labor on Town-House, . . .	10.40
Frank Buttrick, for lumber for same, . . .	14.80
John Cutting, damage to wagon, caused by defect in highway, . . .	6.00
G. W. Dunn, moving stones from Linwood Ceme- tery road and making sidewalk, . . .	12.37
G. W. Dunn, 2 plough-points, . . .	1.80
“ “ road-scraper, . . .	10.00
“ “ 8 cords wood for Town-Hall, . . .	52.00
Library Committee, wrapping-paper, . . .	5.50
A. S. Fiske, railing bridge near Silver Hill, . . .	6.00
Oliver N. Kenney, ballot-box, . . .	2.00
Library Committee, binding 89 Library books, . .	22.25
Henry W. Day, making fence on road to Linwood Cemetery, . . .	12.07
Fitz A. Robinson, on the same, . . .	8.16
Henry W. Day, sawing wood for Town-House, . .	3.00
Gilkey & Co., lumber for hay-scales, . . .	12.84
Albert Plummer, for crackers, fish and coffee, fur- nished Newton Fire Co. after the fire of F. T. Bush's boat-house, . . .	8.70

Horace Hews, recording deed for school-house site,	.71
Town of Lincoln, tax,	12.13
Richard French, sawing and splitting 8 cords wood at Town-Hall,	9.60
Richard French, carting wood from Cemetery,	2.25
John Coburn, care of Town-Hall,	122.75
Theodore Jones, furnishing and setting glass at Town-House,	7.00
William N. Gowell, labor on hay-scales,	3.47
Edward Coburn, paid for posters, paper and post- age stamps,	3.80
George H. Jones, return of deaths,	5.50
A. S. Fiske, warning Town Meetings,	6.75
“ “ services on dog warrant,	8.75
“ “ stationery & postage, & expressing,	4.74
“ “ examining Cor. and Bank tax,	5.00
Josiah Hastings, printing blanks,	5.00
A. S. Fiske, services as Justice of the Peace on pensions, State aid, &c.	5.00
Library Committee, purchasing books,	12.00
G. W. Cutting, ringing bell, Town Meetings,	2.00
“ “ oil, chimneys, &c., for Town-Hall,	13.90
“ “ “ “ Library,	4.47
“ “ shovels, rakes and lanterns for the use of highway,	8.75
“ “ jack, pail, duster, &c., for hearse,	6.63
W. & E. Jennings, breaking roads,	4.80
Horace Hews, postage stamps and expressing,	3.37
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CONTINGENCIES.

Appropriated,	\$1,000.00
G. W. Dunn, 50½ hours' labor on culvert near E. H. Sears',	15.15
G. W. Dunn, 159 hours, men,	27.82
“ “ 71 hours, horse,	12.43
“ “ paid for covering stones,	12.75
“ “ “ barrel and plank,	2.06
Charles A. Warren, for gravel,	10.00
William Seaverns, “	6.00
Mrs. I. Lovewell, “	2.00
John S. Williams, “	10.00
G. W. Dunn, “	15.00
Henry J. White, “	125.00
Insuring Town-House,	98.50
G. W. Dunn, breaking roads, March 4 & 5, 90 hours,	18.00
“ “ “ “ “ 8 & 9, 130 “	26.00
A. S. Fiske, breaking roads, 161 hours,	24.15
“ “ paid sundry persons,	8.55
B. F. Cutter, 93 hours,	16.17
“ “ paid sundry persons,	6.67
William N. Gowell, shovelling snow,	2.00
J. H. & J. G. Gooch, lumber for bridge,	107.69

B. F. Cutter, carting plank, and labor on bridge, .	30.03	
G. W. Dunn, blasting stones at gravel-bank in		
Dist. No. 4,	21.85	
	<hr/>	\$597.76

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriated,	\$1,800.00	
Paid Waltham Bank,	\$75 22	
" interest on sundry notes,	1,692.39	
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DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriated,	\$700.00	
Discount for prompt payment,	\$552.41	
Abatements,	745.85	
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TOWN CLOCK.

Appropriated,	\$500.00	
Paid John L. Hobbs for regulating and care of		
same, three months,	\$15.00	
Labor on bell-yoke,	3.65	
Iron weight, pulleys and rollers,	5.00	
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PAINTING TOWN-HOUSE.

Appropriated,	\$300.00	
Paid Abijah Gregory, stock and labor,	\$300.00	
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SCHOOL-HOUSE SITE.

Appropriated,	\$500.00	
Paid Henry J. White,	\$500.00	
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SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriated,	\$600.00	
Paid Overseers of Poor,	\$428.14	
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TOWN DEBT.

Appropriated,	\$1,000.00	
Paid Theodore Jones, note,	\$1,000.00	
" Isaac Coburn, "	1,000.00	
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STATE AID.

TO BE REFUNDED BY STATE.

Paid Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	\$96.00	
" " Sarah M. Pratt,	48.00	
" Lemuel Smith,	48.00	
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RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES.

Town Grants.		Expended.
Bill prior to 1875,		\$125 32
Town Officers,	\$800 00	768 46
Schools,	3,300 00	3,470 00
“ Incidentals,	600 00	450 05
Highways,	2,800 00	2,813 47
Grant on Lincoln Road,	200 00	200 00
Cemeteries,	1,000 00	1,077 35
Town Incidentals,	800 00	956 56
Contingencies,	1,000 00	597 76
Interest on Debt,	1,800 00	1,767 61
Discount and Abatement,	700 00	1,298 26
Town Clock,	500 00	23 65
Painting Town-House,	300 00	300 00
School-house Site,	500 00	500 00
Support of Poor,	600 00	428 14
Town Debt,	1,000 00	2,000 00
State Aid,		192 00
State Tax,		1,740 00
County Tax,		1,116 26
Total,		\$19,824 89

RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN.

Cash Received.	Wood from Cemetery,	\$186.69
“ “	Lots in Cemetery,	225.00
“ “	Hay “	9.00
“ “	Old rails and joists,	4.45
“ “	Old boards,	3.50
“ “	Premium on Town-House in-	
	surance,	27.00
“ “	Old hearse,	5.00
“ “	Stone post,	2.00
“ “	State Aid,	281.14
“ “	School Fund,	188.50
“ “	Dog Tax,	211.39
“ “	Interest on Taxes,	32.94
“ “	Weighing Fees,	31.29
“ “	Rent of Town-Hall,	133.00
“ “	Bank Tax,	2,064.25
“ “	Corporation Tax,	2,703.35
		<hr/> \$6,108.50

HORACE HEWS, COLLECTOR AND TREASURER, DR.

To Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1875,	\$617.77
“ Taxes due for 1873,	117.55
“ “ 1874,	683.38
“ Assessors' Warrant, 1875,	14,250.61
“ Receipts for 1875,	6,108.50
	<hr/> \$21,777.81
Selectmen orders for 1875-6	19,824.89
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Balance in Collector and Treasurer's hands,	\$1,952.92

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Almira Peirce, note due 1880,	\$1,500.00	
Mary F. Peirce, " "	. . . . .	1,000.00	
Edward Peirce, " "	. . . . .	1,000.00	
Abigail Jones, " 1878,	. . . . .	800.00	
Estate of Ebenezer Tucker, note due 1878,	. . . . .	500.00	
First Parish, Weston, " "	. . . . .	400.00	
Trustee Town Library Fund, on demand,	. . . . .	1,400.00	
Marshall Hews, note, " "	. . . . .	2,250.00	
Estate of A. H. Fiske, note, " "	. . . . .	3,500.00	
Charles H. Fiske, Executor, note, " "	5,500.00	
William Sherburne, " "	500.00	
Trustees Silent Poor Fund,	3,208.00	
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			\$21,558.00
Due the Town from Horace Hews, as Collector and			
Treasurer,		\$1,952.92	
Due as State Aid,		192.00	
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			\$2,144.92
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Total Indebtedness,			\$19,413.08

ASSESSORS' VALUATION, MAY 1ST, 1875.

Total value of Real Estate,	\$864,850.00
Total value of Personal Estate,	866,766.00
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Total,	\$1,731,616.00

Number of polls, 372, at \$2 each.

Rate per cent., \$7.80 per \$1,000.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN, *Auditor.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.



Dr.

Balance in Treasury March 15, 1875,	.	.	.	\$617.77
Received from Rent of Town Hall,	.	.	.	133.00
“ Weighing Fees,	.	.	.	31.29
“ Premium on Insurance,	.	.	.	27.00
“ Sale of Burial Lots,	.	.	.	225.00
“ “ Wood,	.	.	.	186.69
“ “ Old Hearse,	.	.	.	5.00
“ “ Rails,	.	.	.	3.50
“ “ Boards,	.	.	.	3.50
“ “ Hay,	.	.	.	9.00
“ “ Stone Posts,	.	.	.	2.00
“ “ Joist,	.	.	.	.95
“ County of Middlesex, dog licenses refunded,				211.39
“ State of Massachusetts, School Fund, .				188.50
“ “ “ Corporation Tax,				2,703.35
“ “ “ National Bank Tax,				2,064.25
“ “ “ State Aid refunded,				281.14
“ Waltham Nat'l Bank, Temporary Loans,				3,000.00
“ Joseph Peirce, “ Loan,				1,000.00
“ William Sherburne, “ “				500.00
“ Collector, Taxes of 1873,	.	.		111.88
“ “ “ “ 1874,	.	.		676.16
“ “ “ “ 1875,	.	.		13,459.76
“ “ Interest on Taxes,	.	.		32.94
				\$25,474.07

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By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax,	.	.	\$1,740.00
“ County of Middlesex, County Tax,	.	.	1,116.26
“ Selectmen’s Orders,	.	.	14,968.63
“ Temporary Loans,	.	.	4,500.00
“ Town Debt,	.	.	2,000.00
“ Balance in Treasury,	.	.	1,149.18
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			\$25,474.07

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

Weston, March 15, 1875.

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AUDITORS’ REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of Weston, have examined the foregoing account, and find the same well vouched and correctly cast.

EDWARD COBURN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE W. DUNN,	
OLIVER R. ROBBINS,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Weston.</i>

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE School Committee are happy to be able to state, that the condition of our public schools during the past year, is such as to give renewed assurances to the citizens of Weston, that teachers and scholars are amply repaying the interest and expenditure granted in their behalf.

As has been reported in years previous, the schools are all small, yet no one so small as to warrant its discontinuance, on account of the large distance which the union of any two of our schools would require some of the children to travel.

The same policy prevails in respect of these schools, as was mentioned in the previous report. Some changes have been made among the teachers of the different schools, nearly all of them unavoidable, as may be seen by the reports of the schools in detail. The committee feel justified by the result, where they had choice in the matter. They believe they have now an efficient corps of teachers, each one occupying the best possible sphere of usefulness in the different schools.

For expenses for school purposes in detail during the year, reference is hereby made to the Auditor's Report.

The whole number of scholars connected with the public

schools for the year 1875-6, is	.	.	.	.	178
Daily average attendance, .	.	.	.	.	145
Percentage of attendance, .	.	.	.	.	86
Number under five years of age,	.	.	.	.	3
“ over fifteen years of age,	.	.	.	.	13

The whole number of persons between the ages of five and fifteen years, May 1st, 1875, was	.	.	.	185
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The following named scholars have been perfect in attendance throughout the year :—

Ernest H. Warner,	.	.	High School.
Lizzie Baldwin,	.	.	No. 4.
Florence Warren,	.	.	" "
Charlie Adams,	.	.	" 6.
Josie Adams,	.	.	" "
Fred Smith,	.	.	" "
Sidney Smith,	.	.	" "
Willie Smith,	.	.	" "

SCHOOL No. 1. EAST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Miss Ocena Cutts, Miss Ella F. Richardson, Teachers.

This school, during the first two terms, was under the care of Miss Ocena Cutts, a lady of excellent reputation, and considerable experience as a teacher. The first term was not altogether what might be desired, but the drawbacks were evidently incident to the change in teachers. The second term was very good ; the smaller scholars, especially, making very rapid improvement. Although the Committee were pleased at Miss Cutts' promotion, it cannot but be regretted that she did not remain during the year, to reap the promised harvest of the second term. She has the best wishes of the entire Board, for success in her present situation.

As nearly all the changes in teachers were dependent on this, it may be as well to finish the subject here.

Just previous to Miss Cutts' resignation, Miss Richardson, of No. 6, announced her inability of undertaking the long walk during the coming winter, between her school and the nearest boarding place, and asked to be released from the obligation to finish the year. The Committee reluctantly consented. In the meantime a vacancy, before mentioned, took place in No. 1. Miss Richardson applied for it, and the Committee, glad to retain her services, which had become very valuable, appointed her to Miss Cutts' place. The school immediately took a rapid stride in improvement. The teacher has enlisted the ambition, good will

and sympathy, of all her scholars, and the school to-day occupies a first place among those of the town. None of the tardy marks were made during the last term.

Whole number of scholars,	36
Average attendance,	26
Percentage of attendance,	79
Perfect attendance,	0
Tardy marks,	46

SCHOOL No. 2. WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

Miss Emma Hews, Teacher.

This is a very small school, but second to none in interest and good standing. It has had the advantage of the continuous labors of the same teacher for two years, and we trust for the sake of the school, this will continue to be the case. The teacher is entitled to high praise for the work of the past year.

Whole number of scholars,	16
Average attendance,	14
Percentage of attendance,	93
Perfect attendance,	0
Tardy marks,	65

SCHOOL No. 3. NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

Miss Lillie J. Dunn, Teacher.

This is another small school, but that has also had the benefit of the continued exertions of the same teacher. The school stands well. There is probably not more than one other school in town where so much work is required to produce an average result as in this. The fact that the school has made commendable progress during the year, speaks well for the harmony of the school, and the ability and perseverance of the teacher.

Whole number of scholars,	12
Average attendance,	10
Percentage of attendance,	83
Perfect attendance,	0
Tardy marks,	47

SCHOOL No. 4. NORTH EAST DISTRICT.

Miss Georgie C. Tucker, Teacher.

This is a very excellent school. The teacher is one of much experience in the schools in Weston, and the Committee deem themselves and the school fortunate in having had the benefit of her past services in our schools. Her good scholarship, capacity for teaching and efficiency, are well established, and the Committee here bear willing testimony to the same.

Whole number of scholars,	30
Average attendance,	25
Percentage of attendance,	90
Perfect attendance,	2
Tardy marks,	49

SCHOOL No. 5. SOUTH EAST DISTRICT.

Miss Lizzie J. Viles, Teacher.

This is a very pleasant school. That is the word that comes into the mind, whether we consider the *personnel*, from the teacher in charge to the little scholar on the front seat, or the *materiel*, from the surroundings of the schoolhouse to the drawings on the wall. Owing to the fact of an older class of scholars remaining than in many of the other schools, this one is in the advance in scholarship. There is also improvement in the order.

Whole number of scholars,	19
Average attendance,	16
Percentage of attendance,	85
Perfect attendance,	0
Tardy marks,	5

SCHOOL No. 6. SOUTH WEST DISTRICT.

Miss Ella F. Richardson and Miss Annie Miller, Teachers.

The first two terms of this school were kept by Miss Richardson, now in charge of school No. 1. Those two terms were very pleasant, and very profitable. Further praise of Miss R. would be out of place here.

On her transfer she was succeeded by Miss Annie E. Miller, a graduate of our High School. Her term of school keeping has been very trying, but she has managed to make the school appear in a very respectable condition at the last. Some of the causes of difficulty were unexpectedly discovered on examination day. Although their existence is to be regretted, it is pleasant to be able to feel confidence in the teacher, and trust, with her increasing experience, and the removal of some of the above-named impediments to progress, the school will maintain the rank it held during the past five or more years.

Whole number of scholars,	17
Average attendance,	15
Percentage of attendance,	87
Perfect attendance,	5
Tardy marks,	23

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Eli E. Fox, Principal; Miss Annie C. Coburn, Assistant.
Mr. Henry B. Edson, Teacher of Music.

Although no class graduated this year, it will be noticed by those who attended the closing exercises of the High School this year, that they compare favorably with those of previous graduating classes. There has been hard study, thorough drill, and lively interest manifest in every department.

This is a good time to raise the standard of the school, as there are not in any of our district schools, a class of boys now who must be sent to the High School because there is the only master.

Your Committee congratulate the citizens in being able to retain its present corps of High School teachers. They are the right ones in the right position.

It was intended to report on the matter of a special building, but in view of a possibly large number dissenting already from the views heretofore expressed by this Board on that subject, there appeared some impropriety in expressing *ex parte* views at public expense, unless specially ordered. The Committee, there-

fore, leave the discussion of this matter for another time and place, confident that it will receive all the consideration which it merits.

Whole number of scholars in the High School,	. . . . .	48
Average attendance, . . . . .	. . . . .	39
Percentage of attendance, . . . . .	. . . . .	86
Perfect attendance, . . . . .	. . . . .	1
Tardy marks, . . . . .	. . . . .	74

GEO. W. DUNN,	}	<i>School</i> <i>Committee.</i>
CHAS. W. SIBLEY,		
JOHN SMITHWICK,		

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON TOWN CLOCK.



At the annual Town Meeting, held April 5th, 1875, a letter was read by the Moderator, from Gen. Charles J. Paine, proposing to give to the Town of Weston a Town Clock, leaving it optional with them where the same should be placed.

The town voted to accept the gift, and to place the clock in the tower of the Unitarian Church, as being the most convenient and conspicuous place, provided the said Society give their approbation and consent. A committee was chosen at the time, consisting of Messrs. Edwin Hobbs, Alonzo S. Fiske and George B. Milton, to confer with the Trustees of the Unitarian Society in Weston, and if a satisfactory arrangement could be made in regard to placing the clock on the church, to purchase the clock, and cause the same to be placed thereon.

The town also voted to place the sum of \$500 at the disposal of the Committee, to defray all necessary expenses incurred. The Committee met the Trustees, and, after due consultation, they finally agreed upon and signed the subjoined paper, as a full and perfect understanding and conditions upon which the clock was to be placed in the tower of said church.

1st. All expenses in placing the clock on the house, together with all repairs, and care which may be needed to keep said clock in running order, shall be paid by the town.

2d. In case the house should be abandoned as a place of worship, or sold to other parties, and converted to other uses, or

removed to some other location, then due notice shall be given to the town, who may remove the clock from the house.

3d. If, at any time, for good and sufficient reasons, the town should see fit to remove the clock to some other location, due notice shall be given to the Society of such intention.

4th. If, at any time, the town do remove the clock from the house, all alterations and repairs in said house, made necessary by such removal, shall be made without delay, at the expense of the town, to the acceptance of the Trustees of the Parish.

5th. That these provisions and regulations be entered upon the Parish records, and also upon the Town records, as articles of agreement between the "First Parish in Weston," by Isaac Coburn, Geo. W. Cutting, and Charles W. Sibley, Trustees of said Parish, and Edwin Hobbs, Alonzo S. Fiske, and Geo. B. Milton, a duly authorized Committee of said town, chosen April 5th, 1875.

Signed the twenty-fourth day of April, A. D. 1875.

The Committee, together with the Trustees, then consulted with Mr. Thomas W. Silloway, of Boston, an Architect, who drew the plan as it now is, which was highly satisfactory to both parties, and was accordingly adopted. The whole expense of clock and the preparations to receive it, are as follows, viz. :—

Paid George M. Stevens, for clock, and putting up,	\$527 60
" Mead, Mason & Co., for dials and labor,	138 80
" Theodore Jones, for painting,	18 00
" Francis Buttrick, for lumber,	36 14
" C. H. Bills & Son, for nails and screws,	2 60
" Rufus Stickney & Son, for plumbing,	4 25
" Cook, Reding & Co., glass,	1 45
" Geo. W. Cutting & Son, nails and screws,	2 09
" Fitchburg R. R., freight,	1 00
" Joel Upham, for iron work,	3 50
" Daniel Smith, for rod,	85

Amount carried forward, . . . \$736 28

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$736 28
Paid Thomas W. Silloway, Architect,	.	.	.	25 00
" Edwin Hobbs, for labor and expenses,	.	.	.	10 00
" F. A. Robinson, for services,	.	.	.	1 00
" A. S. Fiske, for services and expenses,	.	.	.	5 00
" S. M. Heard, for board of men,	.	.	.	20 00
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				\$797 28

Gen. Paine very generously placed in the hands of the Committee his check for this whole sum, thus leaving the whole amount appropriated by the town in the hands of the Treasurer. The clock was made expressly for the town, by G. M. Stevens, No. 90 Sudbury St., and is one of his best and most reliable time-keepers.

We congratulate the town on the acquisition of a gift which will be so useful to the present and to the future generations, a gift as honorable to the donor in bestowing, as valuable and useful to the recipients.

The Committee recommend the passage by the town, of the following resolution:—

That the sincere thanks of the inhabitants of the Town of Weston are due, and are hereby tendered to Gen. Charles J. Paine, for the valuable gift of a Tower Clock, donated by him to the Town of Weston, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Gen. Paine by the Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HOBBS,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
ALONZO S. FISKE,		
GEO. B. MILTON,		

March 6th, 1876.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

THE Trustees of Cemeteries herewith submit their Annual Report. In our last report to the town, we recommended the erection of a Receiving Tomb in some convenient place in Linwood Cemetery. We have secured the building of this tomb near the entrance to the Cemetery, at an expense of \$447.71. It is built in a substantial manner, after a plan drawn by Mr. J. H. Curtis, of Waltham. The wall on the east side of the Cemetery has been completed, and the whole grounds are now enclosed except the front line on the avenue. This, we believe, should be a good face wall, and should be built the present season. In order to do this, and also to dig a well, which is much needed, it will be necessary for the town to make a small appropriation in addition to the unexpended balance which has been received for burial lots and wood, and is now in the hands of the Treasurer. We believe that the money received for burial lots, and for wood, as it may become necessary to remove the trees, and also for grass sold, will be sufficient to defray the ordinary expenses in future years, without asking for an appropriation from the town except on extraordinary occasions. The Trustees have, during the year, visited some of the cemeteries in adjoining towns, and have received many suggestions of much practical value. They have found that the plan of finishing lots by curbing with granite, or enclosing with an iron fence, has been almost entirely abandoned. In the cemeteries commenced within a few years, many who have been at the expense of curbing, are now removing the stones in order to finish more in accordance with modern plans. It has been found to be a much better way, to grade off the lots to cor-

respond with each other, enriching the soil, and sowing with grass-seed, and designating them by small granite posts at each corner, set so low as not to prevent a lawn cutter from passing over the whole surface of the lot. In that part of Mount Auburn recently laid out, the lots are finished almost entirely in this manner. We are certain that it is less expensive, and, in the end, will give better satisfaction. This is especially true on land where the surface is uneven and hilly, and when, by curbing one lot, you may greatly injure those adjoining. These remarks are intended to apply more particularly to Linwood Cemetery. A number of lots are now finished and ready for sale, in this cemetery.

In the Centre Burial Ground, some improvements have been made in the avenues and lots, several hedges have been removed by the owners thereof, which had become unsightly, and which has, we think, added to the good appearance of the grounds. In the report of last year, we ventured to suggest an important improvement, which we now ask leave of the town to make, if, in their judgment, it should seem advisable. We refer to the removal of the foot-stones which were once placed upon graves, and which no one thinks of setting at the present day, and leveling off the ground, so as to present an even surface, which could be better cared for, and, we think, would be more satisfactory to those having friends buried here. The surface is now so uneven, made so by the ancient practice of leaving a mound on every grave, that it is almost impossible to cut the grass and bushes which accumulate in such places. We think such an improvement might be made without injury to any, and would be satisfactory to all concerned.

In many of our modern cemeteries there is a fund provided for the perpetual care of lots. This fund is secured by a person leaving in the hands of the Trustees a sum of money, either by bequest or otherwise, with the understanding and agreement, that such a lot or lots shall be perpetually cared for; thus, for instance,—a person in writing his will, would bequeath to the Trustees of the Cemeteries in town, or their successors in office, the sum of \$100, to be invested by them, the interest thereof to be applied in keep-

ing such a lot, in either cemetery, in perpetual order. By this means a person can rest assured that his lot will be cared for long after he and his immediate friends have passed away.

The receipts and expenditures for the past year, will be found below. We close our report with the following recommendations.

1st. That the sum of \$500 be appropriated by the town, in addition to the balance due the trustees, and now in the Town Treasury, for the improvement of the cemeteries in town.

2d. That all moneys derived from the sale of wood or grass growing on either of the cemeteries, shall be paid to the Trustees, to be used by them for the improvement of the several cemeteries in town.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN HOBBS,
ISAAC COBURN,
HORACE HEWS.

RECEIPTS.

Town Grant,	\$1,000 00	
Cash received from sale of burial lots,	225 00	
“ “ “ “ “ wood,	171 09	
“ “ “ “ “ grass,	9 00	
“ “ “ “ “ old boards and rails,	7 00	
		<hr/> \$1,412 09

EXPENDITURES.

LINWOOD CEMETERY.

Paid for receiving tomb, as follows :—

Robert W. Gill, for granite work,	\$150 00	
Chelmsford Foundry, for door,	45 00	
A. H. Hews & Co., bricks and cement,	97 58	
R. H. Hines, laying bricks,	40 63	
H. L. Hovey, for cement,	6 75	
John Fisher, for excavating and removing stumps,	19 00	
F. Buttrick, for lumber,	6 65	
F. A. Robinson, building arch,	5 53	
Bernard McCusker, laying side walls,	6 00	
Wm. Sherburne, with team,	5 00	
F. Jennison, labor,	10 60	
J. H. Curtis, designing and superintending,	33 00	
Horace Hews, services,	20 00	
Other expenses,	1 97	
		<hr/> 447 71
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		<hr/> \$447 71

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$447 71
Paid Robert M. Gill, for 50 stone bounds,	\$62 50	
" B. McCusker, for blasting rocks, and laying wall,	68 40	
" Phinney & Barry, Record book, deeds and cards,	15 00	
" Moses Richards, labor,	15 16	
" Wm. Sherburne, labor and team,	14 00	
" T. D. Baker, labor,	7 40	
" John White, labor,	5 00	
" F. Jennison, labor,	134 19	
" G. H. Jones, use of tools and drag,	3 00	
" Tools,	7 21	
" C. F. Jones, for manure,	39 37	
" Marshal Hews, use of horse and cart,	33 75	
" Joel Upham, sharpening drills and mending chain,	3 14	
" J. R. Curtis, surveying,	12 00	
" E. Hobbs, services and writing and recording deeds,	19 00	
" J. Coburn, services,	8 00	
" H. Hews, " "	118 75	
" other expenses,	9 03	
		574 90
		<u>\$1,022 61</u>

CENTRE BURIAL GROUND.

Paid Geo. W. Dunn, for grading avenue.	\$6 47	
" H. W. Day, labor,	5 10	
" F. Jennison, labor,	3 95	
" Wm. Jones, for plants, and care of same,	5 00	
" painting gate,	1 50	
" Horace Hews, for services,	16 25	
		38 27

SOUTH BURIAL GROUND.

Paid F. A. Robinson, repairing gate, post, and setting,	\$5 25	
" paint,	50	
" John Deavall, labor,	3 50	
		9 25

OLD BURIAL GROUND.

Paid for labor,		2 75
Whole amount of expenditures,		\$1,072 88
Balance in Treasury,		339 21

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.



SINCE our last Annual Report we have bought 232 books, and 24 have been presented ; making, in all, 256 volumes added to the Library during the past year. Books and pamphlets have been received from Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Dr. John Smithwick, Hon. George S. Boutwell, Hon. S. S. Cox, Cobden Club, London, Hon. John Eaton, and the American Unitarian Association. We have also received, from Hon. C. L. Flint, a large number of State Agricultural Reports from various parts of the country, but they came too late for this year's catalogue. The whole number of books now in the Library is 3,956, of which, 3,075 were bought at a cost of \$3,590.44 ; the balance were given. The interest in the Library is evidently on the increase. The records of the Librarian show that seven thousand four hundred and eight books have been taken out during the year ; this is several hundred more than were ever before taken out in the same length of time. We are glad to say that there is an increasing demand for solid reading. Notwithstanding the great gain in circulation, the percentage of fiction called for has been much smaller than usual. Of the books taken out on two days, supposed to show a fair average, only 46 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent. were fiction, exclusive of Juveniles. This is an exceedingly gratifying result. We are deeply sensible of the importance of the trust confided to us. A public library, if properly managed, exerts a wholesome and elevating influence, and may be the means of doing much good.

In importance, it is second only to the public school. Too often all systematic study ceases when the pupil leaves school, and then the library becomes of inestimable value, not only as a means of continuing the education, but as an important auxiliary in the formation of character. It is doubtful if any book can be attentively read but what it will leave its impress upon the mind and heart. Its influence will tend, either one way or the other, for good or bad. Hence the importance of selecting those books only which tend to elevate and purify the taste, and impart a high moral tone. In supplying the department of fiction, we have endeavored to exercise a judicious discrimination. There is a class of sensational romance which we think exerts a bad influence, especially upon the young. This we aim to exclude from our purchases, our object being to diminish its reading as much as possible; but in view of its easy access in the cheap novels and story-papers of the day, we should fail in our purpose if we did not furnish an acceptable substitute. This we have endeavored to do by providing a good supply of that large class of novels which simply afford entertainment, and will exert, we think, a good influence. While we recognize the importance, in a place where there are so few public amusements, of providing some agreeable home recreation, we nevertheless deem it our duty, in buying books, to keep the permanent value of the Library constantly in view.

We have endeavored to make our Library what every public library ought to be—a repository of useful knowledge of every kind likely to interest the public. Hence many books are placed upon the shelves which are seldom read; and yet, with their few readers, they may do more good than some other books that are in constant demand. This year's catalogue contains a large number of important books, a few of which we mention below. In Biography, the Life and Letters of George Ticknor; Familiar Letters of John Adams and his Wife; and the Autobiography of Mrs. Fletcher; are works of great interest. In the department of History, several important books have been added, among which are a Short History of the English People; the fourth

volume of Palfrey's History of New England; and the first volume of Comte De Paris' Civil War in America. This last is spoken of as a remarkable work. It is characterized by its historical accuracy and fairness, and its almost romantic interest. The second volume is nearly ready. To all lovers of Nature, we commend Darwin's Insectivorous Plants; Lubbock's British Wild Flowers, Considered in Relation to Insects; and The Origin and Metamorphoses of Insects. One great value of this class of books is, their tendency to lead the mind to habits of close observation and thoughtful investigation. Carpenter's Mental Physiology cannot fail to interest all thoughtful persons. Bible Lands, is of great value and interest, as also are Flagg's Birds and Seasons of New England, and Whitney's Life and Growth of Language, and many others. The 27 volumes of Atlantic Monthlies added, were bought for 75 cents per volume, which is very cheap for so much good reading.

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